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March 2, 2010

Public Service Commission of SC
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: **Docket no. 2009-489-E**

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a longstanding SCE&G customer, I am disappointed and outraged by the recent request for a rate hike to all of us over the next few years. When the economy is slow, the cost of living increases minimal, many losing their jobs or having their work time decreased and thereby their income decreased, retirees with decreases in income from either pensions or social security, how can SCE&G even consider such a rate hike? And how can you, as a commission, respond affirmatively to this rate hike? I am urging you to think of the citizens of this state who would be sorely affected by such an increase. Let us try to keep things as stable as we can in this unstable economy!

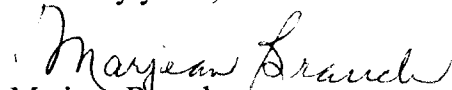
SCE&G already had a rate hike of 4.4% in 2008. Now they are asking for a 2.5% increase annually for the next decade while our ability to pay our utility bills is decreasing every year with little hope that any of us will experience such an increase in our income!

When we compare other utility companies and their rates with SCE&G, we find that SCE&G comes out on top for high rates already. Duke Power customers pay \$93 for 1000 kilowatt hours and we pay for the same level of power \$118. This means that we are **already paying over 26% more** than Duke's customers! If the rate boost is granted to SCE&G, we would be paying \$130 for that same lever of power, which will be almost **40% more than Duke customers!** Even if Duke were to increase their rates, we would still be paying far more than their customers. Does SCE&G know this? Have they studied comparisons? I hope your office has done all the comparative studies.

According to a recent source (AARP), "SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper."

I urge you **not** to allow such rate hikes for all of us who are SCE&G customers. I ask you to carefully consider the wisdom of disallowing such financial burdens on the average citizens of South Carolina!

Sincerely yours,


Marjean Brauch

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March 1, 2010

Dear Public Service Commission:

My mother and father live in West Columbia and heat their home of about 52 years with SCE&G facilities. In comparison to what I pay with Duke Power in Pendleton, SC, they are amazed that I pay so little compared to what they are paying for your services. Recently you have asked to raise the rates for power and energy about 10% over what my parents paid on their last bill. They are 85 and 89 years old, so you may not pay much attention to the difficulties that this increase will cause them and others like them who have regularly paid their bills. This new rate hike in this terrible economy is an insult to the people who have faithfully paid their energy bills to you for years. This new rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer about \$140 per year by July 2011. My parents are living on fixed incomes in their retirement.

Duke Power customers pay about \$93 dollars for 1,000 kilowatt hours of power. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130. Why is there so much difference in rates between these two power companies? SCE&G appears to have higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper. Why are the rates being increased as jobs are being lost and payments for food and necessities are increasing?

Please reconsider raising the rates as the faithful customers are facing their own increasing expenses. Does SCE&G really need to gouge the customers at this very difficult time in our economy? What are the reasons for this proposed rate increase? Please explain.

Sincerely,

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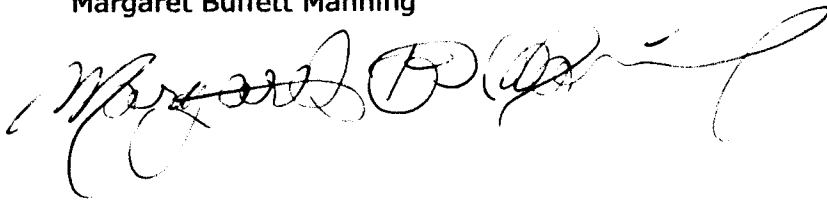
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I write to oppose the proposed rate hike requested by Duke Power. It seems more competition is necessary based on the fact that they recently received a 4% increase.

Perhaps a review of their efficiency, profit margins and salary increases needs to be reviewed. Is power not a public service??

Thank you for you attention,

Margaret Buffett Manning

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